

Mine is a simple comment that others have seemed to forgotten or just chosen to ignore.

In the 1960s, I was a licensed CB operator (KGF 1815). I enjoyed the hobby as did my friends and family. Then came the onslaught of those who wanted something for nothing. The results is what CB is today, and unregulated, out of control, pornographic, overpowered, interference ridden mess!

All comments seem to include the statement that since Morse code is no longer "needed", we should eliminate it from the requirement.

It is not important that the code is no longer needed. What is important is that people only respect what they earn. I don't believe that since I had to pass the code requirement that others should have to also, I simply know that by eliminating the requirement, the respect for the privilege will be gone, and although not perfect now, the operating practices on the ham bands will be many times worse, as has been proven by the operation on the citizen Citizen Band.

Once again those who don't remember the past will have to relive it. Please do not allow the removal of the code requirement! Five words per minute are easy enough to accomplish, for anyone with ANY desire to enter the world of amateur radio, and it will help to maintain the integrity and credibility of this wonderful hobby....

Thank you for considering my comments,
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